(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Airlines like Alia (Jordanian Airlines), *Austrian Airlines (Austria)*, *Iberia* (Spain), Turkish (Turkey), JAT (Yugoslavia) and Interflug (East Germany) have evinced interest to fly to India. Routes etc., will be discussed at the time of airline talks.

(c) and (d) Air India have plans to introduce twice weekly A-310 services to Stockholm in January, 1987 as an extension of their current service to Moscow subject to me clearance by Scandanavian authorities.

Arbitration of foreign shipping companies disputes in India

1531. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a proposal to undertake arbitration on disputes with foreign shipping companies in India and not in London; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Helicopter Corporation of India

1532. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 717 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Helicopter Corporation of India has started functioning; and

(b) if so, the areas likely to be covered by it and the details of its functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Yes, Sir.

(b) In tune with its objectives, the main functions of the Helicoptor Corporation of India can be divided into the following categories:—

(i) to provide helicopter based air transportation support to the petroleum Sector; and

(ii) to provide scheduled/non-scheduled services in the inaccessible areas and hilly terrains, intra-city transportation and tourist charters etc.

The operational activities of the Helicopter Corporation of India will be spread all over the country.

Aircraft in place of Kanishka

1533. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1718 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to select an aircraft to replace Boeing 747 Kanishka which was destroyed in the crash last year and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Air India is in the process of selection of an aircraft to replace 'Kanishka'. Enquiries have been floated in this regard.

Entrusting art objects to experts

1534. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers who carry rare art objects to